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Title : Need to sanction adequate funds for early completion of construction work on Talchar-Bimlagarh Railway line, in Orissa.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): There has been growing discontentment among the people of Orissa due to the inordinate delay the construction of 154 Km. Talchar-Bimlagarh line. The estimate cost of the line reached to Rs 726.96 is 2004-05 when the line was sanctioned. But with cost escalation is may now has crossed Rs. 8000.00 crores.

The final location survey of the line has been completed. But the land acquisition has not been commenced so far. The Ministry of Railways was requested for 2006-07 land acquisition which has not been allocated so far.

The proposed line well establish a link between Coal, aluminum and other mineral belt, including NTPL at Talchar and Angul Industrial areas with Bimlagarh where a number of down stream Industries have come up. The line will facilitate the transport of mineral and coal to the areas and will be an economic line and freight traffic will fetch good amount of revenue to the Railway. It will add to the economic development of the tribal people as it will pass through an area which is traditionally predominated by the tribals.

As such, I demand that adequate amount be sanctioned for Talchar-Bimlagarh line and so that the construction work is completed at the earliest.